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Cc: Purchia, Liz[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Fri 10/23/2015 3:29:35 PM
Subject: RE: Colorado Spill

Mining.com picked up a Hennis statement.

<http://www.mining.com/epa-mine-spill-could-have-been-prevented-probe-concludes/>

Here's the portion with his comments:

Todd Hennis, owner of the Gold King Mine, agrees. He said in an e-mailed statement that blocking the flows was what triggered mine water built-up and later overflow.

"We have been advised of an independent investigation that has determined via photographic evidence analysis that the actions of the EPA in 2014 in piling a large amount of backfill material on the Gold King entrance blocked off the mine discharge pipe intakes," he said.

According to Hennis another disaster, way worse than the one triggered by EPA last summer, is on the works. He is referring to concrete dams placed in the American Tunnel by the operators of the Sunnyside Mine.

"We again ask Kinross Gold Corporation of Canada to step forward and correct this horrendous situation," he said in the statement.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
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Christie – can we track down any coverage of the mine owner statement below?

Carolyn – I am scanning the clips for the any statements, but wondering if you have info.

On the tasking for the report – DOI should respond.

I'll check in before responding.

Thanks ng

From: Manuel Quinones [<mailto:mquinones@eenews.net>]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Colorado Spill

Hey Nancy --

Thanks so much for this yesterday.

Just checking on whether EPA had any more to say on this following the statements from lawmakers calling on some responsible party to be fired or disciplined, or the report saying it wasn't tasked with determining fault.

It also seems like the owner of Gold King is sending out an "I told you so" statement.

I have some material from EPA comments at hearings on these issues, but checking in with you just in case.

Thanks!

Manuel

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Manuel Quinones
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: RE: Colorado Spill

Hi Manuel,

Here is our statement:

EPA requested the Department of Interior report, Technical Evaluation of the Gold King Mine Incident, to provide an independent assessment of factors that contributed to the August 5, 2015 Gold Mine incident. EPA will carefully review the report. This report, in combination with the findings of EPA's internal review of the incident, will help inform EPA's ongoing efforts to work safely and effectively at mine sites as we carry out our mission to protect human health and the environment.

Thank you.

Nancy Grantham

From: Purchia, Liz
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Subject: FW: Colorado Spill

From: Manuel Quinones [<mailto:mquinones@cenews.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 3:42 PM
To: Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Colorado Spill

Hey Liz --

Sorry to bug.

Does EPA have any statement or perspective on Interior's newly released report on the Gold King spill?

Thanks!

Manuel

From: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 8:22 AM
To: Manuel Quinones
Subject: RE: Colorado Spill

Here's a statement

Nonresponsive

From: Manuel Quinones [<mailto:mquinones@eenews.net>]
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 8:18 AM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: Colorado Spill

Hey Liz -

Good morning and happy Friday.

I am working on a brief on the new Colo. mine spill. I know it was significantly smaller than the previous one.

Any chance for some info? Looked around and couldn't find a release.

Thanks!

Manuel

From: Manuel Quinones
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:54 AM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: Pebble Cohen Report

Hey Liz --

Hope you're well.

Can you pass on any agency comment or response to the Cohen report on Pebble?

I saw some papers had stuff already. I'm coming in a little late cause we don't publish til 1.

Thanks so much!

Manuel

From: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Manuel Quinones
Subject: RE: CCS Rule

Sorry, I don't have details to share until the rule is out

From: Manuel Quinones [<mailto:mquinones@eenews.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: CCS Rule

Hey Liz –

Hope all is well! And sorry to bug on such a busy day.

I just wanted to get clarification as to what the final rule for NEW power plants requires.

Yesterday administrator McCarthy said during the White House conference call that new coal plants would still need carbon capture technology, just with a lower capture rate.

But then someone else in the admin said CCS was just one compliance option for new coal plants, including also co-firing and IGCC.

Any chance for some background?

Thanks!

Manuel

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